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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Group Art Unit: 1744

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Examiner: L. McKane

APPLICATION NO: 09/806,844

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FOR: HYDROXYSTILBENE COMPOUNDS USED

AS MICROBICIDAL ACTIVE SUBSTANCES

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## AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed within the shortened statutory period for response to the Office action mailed on February 18, 2003. No fee, petition, or certification is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.

Please amend the above-identified patent application, without prejudice, as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly replace claim 18 by the following claim.